



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Pony pairs. At the moment the rule on the rope not being looped is unclear whether it is just when in a pair or does it include when rider one rides up the arena to collect rider two on their own.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Pony pairs

4 bending poles in the first 4 positions. Rider 1 starts with the rope.

Rider 1 weaves between the 4 poles to carry the rope to the changeover end and crosses the line. Rider 2 takes hold of the other end of the rope, and Riders 1 and 2 together cross the change over line then weave between the poles to cross the Start/Finish line, always holding the rope.

Rider 3 takes the place of Rider 1, and Riders 2 and 3 together holding the rope cross the start line then weave between the poles to cross the changeover line, always holding the rope.

Rider 4 takes the place of Rider 2, and Riders 3 and 4 together cross the change over line then weave between the poles to cross the Start/Finish line, always holding the rope. If a rider lets go of the rope the pair must return to the point where the error occurred before continuing.

The rope must not be looped, and the riders must not hold hands or fingers.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Pony pairs

4 bending poles in the first 4 positions. Rider 1 starts with the rope.

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The rope must not be looped **at any time during the race**, and the riders must not hold hands or fingers.

Reason for Change Request:

This is to remove any doubt about whether rider 1 may have the rope looped when riding up to arena for the first pick up. This was being challenged by riders at both World Teams and at European Teams in 2022

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Reference:	2022 – 01
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Submission Date:	15/10/2022
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Decision Date:	29/10/2022
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Votes	
Jens Martin	Yes
Mark Crowe	Yes
Robin Donnay	Yes
Warwick Slade	Yes
Margaret Welsby	Yes
Alun Whitney	Yes
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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If a rider lets go of the rope the pair must return to the point where the error occurred before continuing.

The rope must not be looped **at any time during the race**, and the riders must not hold

hands or fingers.

Reason for Decision:

It was deemed that this would make the rule clearer

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2023
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